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SUBJ: DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES AND TAX LIABILITIES OF FOREIGN
SERVICE NON DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, LISTED BELOW ARE THE CUSTOMS COURTESIES, DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES, AND TAX EXEMPTIONS NOT ACCORDED BY GOT TO USG EMPLOYEES NOT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST.

2. DESCRIPTION OF DIFFERENCES:

A. ALL PERSONNEL NOT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST MAY ONLY HAVE DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION OF GOODS IN THEIR NAME DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS IN COUNTRY.

B. PERSONNEL NOT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST MAY ONLY REGISTER ONE "DUTY-FREE" AUTOMOBILE WHILE THOSE ON THE LIST MAY REGISTER TWO VEHICLES DUTY-FREE.

C. IN THEORY, BUT NOT IN PRACTICE, THE GOT RESTRICTS THE PURCHASE OF TAX-FREE GASOLINE TO PERSONS ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST.
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3. A. TUNIS' U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES COMMISSARY, AVAILABLE TO ALL OFFICIAL PERSONNEL, STOCKS FOODSTUFFS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE ON THE LOCAL MARKET. THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE ITEMS COUPLED WITH THE RECENTLY INSTITUTED SURFACE TO AIR POUCH SERVICE TENDS TO REDUCE, IF NOT EQUALIZE, DIFFERENCES OWING TO IMPORTATION RESTRICTIONS.

B. THE LIMITATION OF ONE POV REGISTERED DUTY-FREE FOR PERSONNEL NOT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST HAS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR FAMILIES. THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THESE PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENTLY ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE HOUSING CLOSE TO WORK AND SHOPPING FOR THOSE PERSONNEL.

4. WITH PERHAPS THE EXCEPTION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO OWN TWO AUTOMOBILES, OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENCES, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, ON NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IS MINIMAL. KING

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